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## Poultry Crisis in Merida, Mexico

On September 29, 2002, the National Poultry Association placed an article on their web page, stating that 75 percent of the poultry industry in the State of Yucatan was damaged due to Hurricane Isidore. According to the Southeast Poultry Association, about 8.5 million birds were killed including parent stock, breeding stock, laying hens, pullets, broilers, turkey pullets and turkeys.

The approximate economic loss is at least US\$60 million dollars from about 30 different companies in the region. This situation puts the industry in a short term crisis. The governor of the State of Yucatan, Mr. Patricio Patrón, met with producers who requested a delay at the federal level for the opening of the international poultry markets, due to the extent of damage caused by this natural disaster. Producers also requested federal and state support and credits to start reactivating the industry. Some 8,000 direct vocations are generated by the poultry industry as well as 22,000 indirect.

According to other local news reports, about 150 poultry farms and 240 pork farms were damaged; some 40 percent of the City of Merida has no electricity; and about 95,000 hectares (950,000 acres) with different agricultural products were damaged. The sanitary alert in the State of Yucatan has intensified and the local and federal authorities indicated that main risks now are epidemic outbreaks. On October 1, 2002, the President of Mexico, Mr. Vicente Fox, will visit the affected regions for the third time. (FAS NOTE: The storm prevented a team of USDA/FSIS inspectors from conducting an audit to certify the poultry slaughtering process of a poultry plant and laboratory in Merida for exporting poultry meat to the United States. The visit will have to be conducted when things return to normal and the plant is fully operational. END NOTE.) (Source: *El Financiero*, 9/27/02, *Reforma*, 10/1/02).

Source: USDA/FAS

## Japanese Frozen Egg Imports (in tons)

	Frozen Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	Total
2001				
May	175.6	1,123.3	209.2	1,508.1
June	166.7	1,053.5	117.6	1,337.8
July	186.6	954.9	187.3	1,328.8
2001 To-Date	1,324.0	7,070.4	1,623.7	10,018.1
2002				
May	262.8	1,366.7	0.0	1,629.5
June	247.8	901.4	18.1	1,167.3
July	260.7	1,303.6	0.0	1,564.3
2002 To-Date	1,691.8	6,635.0	320.1	8,646.9

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

## USDA and National Restaurant Association

On September 24, 2002, the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) announced an agreement with the National Restaurant Association (NRA) to work together to expand exports of U.S. food products. Under the agreement, FAS and NRA will work together to promote participation in trade shows and trade missions, to educate potential exporters about the opportunities in various export markets, identify and reduce trade barriers for U.S. products, and increase research of overseas markets. In Mexico, sales of U.S. consumer-ready products to the hotel, restaurant and tourism sector have surpassed \$800 million a year. In France, where restaurants served nearly 7 billion meals in 2001, the demand for U.S. products is growing."

Source: FASonline <http://www.fas.usda.gov/news.html>

## Recent Updates to the Library of Export Requirements

**The Philippines:** Labeling that reflects a previous country of destination other than the Philippines, e.g. a Russian language sticker, is prohibited as it will cause product to be detained.

**Canada:** Poultry and poultry products originating from flocks raised in the State of California or raw poultry slaughtered or processed in California is ineligible for export to Canada.

**Korea:** Poultry and poultry products from flocks or plants located within a ten (10) kilometer radius of Compton, Lancaster, Norco or Pico River, California which would include most of Los Angeles and Orange counties and the western portion of San Bernardino and Riverside counties are ineligible for export to Korea.

**Mexico:** Changes in labeling requirements. One side of the shipping container must contain the following information in Spanish. Name and physical location of the establishment exported from. Destination of product. Slaughter establishment number. Slaughter date. For processed products, Bi-lingual (or Spanish only) labels, when required, need to include the slaughter establishment number, slaughter date, processing date, pack date (may be the same as processing date – both must be included), expiration date, lot number, and destination of product.

Source: USDA/FSIS, [www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm)

## U.S. Imports, Shell Eggs for Consumption, Jan-Jul 2002

	Fresh Table Eggs		Birds' eggs in Shell	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
World Total	391,075	529	2,408,239	2,324
Canada	23,280	93	15,970	35
China	334,260	292	2,097,898	2,058
Hong Kong	-	-	40,524	38
Taiwan	5,976	13	76,209	101
Thailand	50,640	22	177,600	85
New Zealand	5,976	13	-	-

Quantities in dozen, value in thousands of dollars, customs value. Fresh table eggs -0407.00.0030, birds' eggs in shell -0407.00.0090

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 05, 2002	Year-To-Date			
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	659	534	20,249	9,687
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	0	695	80
Total	659	534	20,965	9,845

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 05, 2002	Year-To-Date			
Type	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	78	63	4,981	4,246
Frozen	124	2	2,850	1,204
Dried	95	1	4,061	486
Total	297	66	11,892	5,936

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 05, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,596	87
Extra Large	1,095	2,100	29,398	54,202
Large	2,693	3,849	102,515	104,836
Medium	288	750	38,351	35,668
Ungraded	17,994	11,820	270,335	317,750
Misc	0	0	14,797	68,144
Total	22,070	18,519	456,992	580,687

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 05-Oct-02  
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,892	1,622	3,514
LAST WEEK	1,832	1,556	3,388
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,950	1,320	3,270
TO-DATE/2002	70,243	56,084	126,327
TO-DATE/2001	71,227	55,200	126,427

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	318	4	322
LAST WEEK	314	0	314
SAME WEEK YR AGO	335	0	335
TO-DATE/2002	12,333	261	12,594
TO-DATE/2001	17,154	247	17,401

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,210	1,626	3,836
LAST WEEK	2,146	1,556	3,702
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,285	1,320	3,605
TO-DATE/2002	82,576	56,345	138,921
TO-DATE/2001	88,381	55,447	143,828

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

11-OCT-2002  
**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50	14.00	189,600	108,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-13.00	9.00-13.00	2,247,600	1,128,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.78	10.80		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

11-OCT-2002  
**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	728,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.93	13.56		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.50	10.00-13.00	1,562,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.13	11.67		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 11 OCTOBER 2002.**

The undertone on tom bulk parts was steady to barely steady on drums, barely steady on 2-joint wings, necks steady and full cut wings steady to fully steady. The undertone on hen parts ranged from steady on drums to instances firm on 2-joints, however, some isolated unsettledness was noted on hen 2-joint wings. Demand was light to fair, best on full-cut wings and hen drums. Offerings were light to adequate on hen 2-joint wings with some increased spot availability noted, adequate to ample on tom 2-joint wings, necks and hen drums adequate, full-cut wings light and tom drums were in a full range mostly adequate to fully adequate. Rib breasts were mostly steady on 4-8 lb. sizes, steady to fully steady institutional weights. Domestic and export trading centered on a heavy volume of 4-8 plant grade breasts for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: tails 18-19 Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts 108, For export: tom necks 15, defatted gizzards 43-44.75, fresh thigh meat 57, frozen thigh meat 57.50 cents delivered November.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	104	18.79	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.78	468	23.78	468
TAILS		W	15.00	160	15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	16.50		16.50	208	16.50	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	54.00	80	54.00	80

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 10, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	19.15	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.78	468
TAILS		W	15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	16.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	54.00	80

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.15	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.78	468
TAILS	15.00		15.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	16.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	54.00	80

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	F	22.00	120	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	R	16.00	52	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00	54.00	80	

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	22.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	16.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	50.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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